the problem. No help was sought from the private entrepreneurs. However, it was decided to request the Members of Parliament to set apart Rs. 15-20 lakh for Public Libraries in their constituencies out of the Members of Parliament Local Area Development fund (MPLAD) of Rs. 2 crore.

Indo-Nepal joint water projects

†*229. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Nepal are working jointly to construct water projects on certain rivers;

(b) if so, the names of the rivers about which decision has been taken alongwith the names of projects to be constructed on the said rivers; and

(c) the present status of the construction with regard to each of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) to (c) The following river valley projects on the rivers emanating from Nepal are under discussions between Government of India and Nepal.

(i) Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Mahakali (Sarda in India).
(ii) Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project & Sun Kosi Storage cum Diversion Scheme on river Kosi.
(iii) Kamla Multipurpose Project on river Kamla.
(iv) Bagmati Multipurpose Project on river Bagmati.

The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project is already under preparation jointly by India and Nepal. In respect of Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage Cum Diversion Scheme the Inception Report has been

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finalised paying the way for field investigations and preparation of DPR. Regarding Bagmati and Kamla Multipurpose Projects, the Joint effort of the Government of India and Nepal to sort out certain technical issues are under progress between the two countries.

Fraudulent practices by exporters

*230. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have apprehended a number of exporters for fraudulent exports during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of the firms alongwith the irregularities of each one of them together with the amount involved and the action initiated; and

(c) the preventive and curative steps initiated against each one of them and against the exporters as a whole?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) (a) to (e) Yes, Sir, the Government have apprehended exporters for fraudulent exports during the last three years, details of which are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 195, Annexure No. 22]. The exporters in these cases had tried to avail unintended export benefits by mis-declaration with regard to quantity, quality and value of the export goods. In all these cases, besides departmental adjudication, accused persons were also arrested and remanded to judicial custody. In some cases action under COFEPOSA was also initiated and exporters detained.

As regards preventive measures, officers dealing with examination and assessment of export cargo have been asked to be vigilant to curb attempts by unscrupulous exporters to perpetrate export frauds. The officers have been asked to be alert in dealing with sensitive commodities and exports to sensitive destinations. Directorate of Revenue Intelligence also